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Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.37)	Application No. 09/427,114	Applicant(s) OBARA ET AL.
	Examiner Tonia L Meonske	Art Unit 2183

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The Appeal Brief filed on 27 January 2005 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 within **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.**

1. The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed or confirmed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
5. The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi))
6. The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)).
7. The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
8. The brief does not contain copies of the evidence submitted under 37 CFR 1.130, 1.131, or 1.132 or of any other evidence entered by the examiner and relied upon by appellant in the appeal, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered by the examiner, as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(ix)).
9. The brief does not contain copies of the decisions rendered by a court or the Board in the proceeding identified in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of the brief as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(x)).
10. Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

See attached.

DETAILED ACTION

The Appeal Brief filed January 27, 2005 contains at least the following defects according to 37 CFR 41.37. Applicant and their representatives are urged to review the Appeal Brief to ensure that it complies with all the requirements of 37 CFR 41.37.

1. The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims. The brief should mention that claims 1-26 are pending and remain rejected. See 37 CFR 41.37 (c)(1)(iii). Appropriate correction is required.
2. Applicant argues claims 7-26 which are not being appealed. In the “Status of Claims” section, Applicant is only appealing claims 1-6. However in the “Applicants arguments against the rejection of the claims” section, applicant argues claims 7-26. Appropriate correction is required.
3. The brief contains figures from the specification in an appendix, which is improper. The allowed appendices are “Claims appendix”, “Evidence appendix”, and “Related Proceedings Appendix”. The appendix in the instant brief entitled “Appendix B-Figures 1-19” is not among the acceptable appendices. Appropriate correction is required.
4. Applicant has not provided the appropriate headings in the brief. For example the heading “Appendix A - Claims 1-26” should instead read “Claims appendix”, the heading “Applicants arguments against the rejection of the claims” should instead read “Argument”, and “Summary Claimed Subject Matter” should instead read “Summary of claimed subject matter”.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tonia L Meonske whose telephone number is (571) 272-4170. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie P Chan can be reached on (571) 272-4162. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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